Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$5397-\$5457

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1027–1035, and S. Res. 148.

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Measures Reported:

S. 384, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–19)

S. Con. Res. 19, expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 80, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

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Cerebral Cavernous Malformations Research, Awareness, and Education: Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, expressing the sense of the Senate that there is a critical need to increase research, awareness, and education about cerebral cavernous malformations.

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Measures Considered:

Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Isakson Amendment No. 1104 (to Amendment No. 1084), to require the Comptroller General to D544

conduct a study on the relationship between fluency in the English language and financial literacy.

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Gillibrand Amendment No. 1084 (to Amendment No. 1058), to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers.

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Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 65 yeas (Vote No. 190), Vitter Amendment No. 1066 (to Amendment No. 1058), to specify acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts. Pages \$5409, \$5421-23

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058, in the nature of a substitute. Page \$5409

Landrieu Amendment No. 1079 (to Amendment No. 1058), to end abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards.

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Collins/Lieberman Amendment No. 1107 (to Amendment No. 1058), to address criminal and fraudulent monetary transfers using stored value cards and other electronic devices. Pages \$5426-29

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 33 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302 (f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Sanders Modified Amendment No. 1062 (to Amendment No. 1058), to establish a national consumer credit usury rate. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the provisions of the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 192), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1085 (to Amendment No. 1058), to enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt by requiring the publication of the facts about the national debt on IRS instructions,